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Letter dated 11 April 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group[1] (ACT Group), a cross-regional group of 23 States that advocates for greater accountability, coherence and transparency on the part of the Security Council, I would like to warmly welcome the initiative of your Presidency to address the prevention of and the fight against genocide on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda.

The Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group understands that the meeting of the Security Council on the theme "Threat to international peace and security: prevention and fight against genocide" is scheduled for 16 April 2014 and will be held in the format of a briefing where only Council members will speak.

The prevention of and fight against genocide is a topic of great interest and importance, not only to members of the Security Council, but to the broader international community. The wider membership of the United Nations, and indeed the Council, would benefit from the inclusive and active participation of Member States on 16 April. For these reasons, and because the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary marks events of such seminal importance, the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group strongly encourages you to amend the currently envisaged briefing format and instead to hold an open debate on 16 April.

The Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group is looking forward to further opportunities to engage constructively with Security Council members to support collective efforts in improving working methods.

I kindly ask you to circulate the present letter to the members of the Security Council and to issue it as a document of the Council.

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